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Subject: Consent Decree Between U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Formosa  
Civil Action No. 6:09-cv-00061  
Force Majeure Event: Hurricane Harvey

Dear Madam and Sirs:

In accordance with Section VIII, Paragraph 43 of the subject Consent Decree, Formosa Plastics Corporation, Texas is hereby providing notice of a Force Majeure event. The proximity of the predicted landfall of Hurricane Harvey to the FPC TX facility resulted in a shutdown and evacuation of the facility beginning on August 24, 2017. A mandatory evacuation of Calhoun County was also issued on August 24, 2017, and was not lifted until September 1, 2017.

FPC TX employees were called back to work beginning on August 30, 2017, as they were able. Plants within the facility were able to begin start-up procedures on September 1, 2017, once power and steam utilities were restored. At this time, there are still plants that have not resumed operation.

As a result of Hurricane Harvey and its subsequent impacts, scheduled monthly LDAR monitoring of thirty-two (32) valves was not completed within the month of August. Notification of these missed components was submitted on September 8, 2017. These inspections will be completed as soon as the plants are operational.

Sincerely,

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